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SUBJ: PRESS COVERAGE DEPSECDEF VISIT TO JAKARTA

1. VISIT DEPSECDEF CLEMENTS TO JAKARTA SEPTEMBER 29-30
FEATURED IN PROMINENT NEWS COVERAGE OCTOBER 1 EDITIONS
OF ALL MAJOR JADRTA DAILIES. STORIES BASED ON STATEMENTS
TO PRESS BY DEPSECDEF, GOI DEFENSE MINISTRY SPOKESMAN,
AND MINISTER OF STATE SUDHARMONO.

2. OF EIGHT INDONESIAN-LANGUAGE PAPERS CARRYING STORY,
THREE (INCLUDING ARMED FORCES DAILY "ANGKATAN BERSENJATA"
AND NATIONALIST DAILY "MERDEKA") HEADLINED GOI (SUHARTO)
POSITION THAT "INDONESIAN OCEAN" SHOULD NOT BECOME AREA
FOR COMPETITION FOR HEGEMONY AMONG FOREIGN POWERS; FOUR
DAILIES, INCLUDING LEADING INDEPENDENTS "KOMPAS" AND
"SINAR HARAPAN", AS WELL AS GOVERNMENT PARTY (GOLKAR)
PAPER "SUARA KARYA" FEATURED DISCUSSION OF GENERAL
SOUTHEAST ASIAN SECURITY SITUATION.

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3. DEPSECDEF QUOTED IN ALL PAPERS AS SAYING IN QUESTION-ANSWER SESSION WITH PRESS FOLLOWING SEPTEMBER 30 MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SUHARTO THAT THEY DISCUSSED COMMON GOI-US INTEREST IN EFFORTS TO CREATE PEACE AND SECURITY IN SEA. ALL ARTICLES QUOTED DEPSECDEF SAYING THAT SUBJECT OF US FACILITIES ON DIEGO GARCIA ISLAND WAS MENTIONED IN TALKS WITH SUHARTO. "KOMPAS", QUOTED DEPSECDEF AS SAYING GOI AND US AGREED THAT DIEGO GARCIA HOLDS IMPORTANT POSITION FROM STANDPOINT OF SECURITY IN THE AREA; OTHER PAPERS SAID ONLY THAT DEPSECDEF INFORMED SUHARTO OF US POSITION RE DIEGO.

4. GOI MINISTER OF STATE SUDHARMONO QUOTED IN SEVERAL PAPERS, INCLUDING "KOMPAS" AS SAYING ON DIEGO GARCIA QUESTION THAT GOI POSITION ON SUBJECT WAS "ALREADY CLEAR"; ALLPAPERS CARRIED SUDHARMONO'S ELABORATION THAT INDONESIA DOES NOT FAVOR INDIAN OCEAN BECOMING ARENA OF STRUGGLE FOR DOMINATION BY FOREIGN POWERS.

5. SUDHARMONO WAS QUOTED SAYING DEPSECDEF REASSURED SUHARTO THAT US WILL CONTINUE ASIAN POLICIES AND RELATIONS WITH INDONESIA AS ESTABLISHED BY NIXON ADMINISTRATION.

6. MINDEF SPOKESMAN QUOTED AS STATING, AFTER MEETING BETWEEN MINDEF AND DEPSECDEF, THAT SUBJECT POSSIBLE INDONESIAN PURCHASE US MILITARY EQUIPMENT WAS TOUCHED ON AND THAT SUCH EQUIPMENT NEEDED TO FULFILL INDONESIAN DEFENSE AND SECURITY PLAN. MEETING WAS DESCRIBED AS DISCUSSING SUBJECT OF CONTINUING US MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM INCLUDING EQUIPMENT, MAINTENANCE AND TRAINING. SEVERAL PAPERS NOTED FAVORABLE DEPSECDEF COMMENT ON BALANCE BETWEEN GOI MILITARY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS.
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